Central Assistance for the development of national parks and sanctuaries in Madhya Pradesh

2146. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what amount has been earmarked by the Central Government for the development of national parks and sanctuaries in Madhya Pradesh during the years 1987-88 and 1988-89;

(b) what was the amount released and utilized during the year 1987-88; and

(c) whether Government propose to increase the amount in view of the need to further develop these national parks and sanctuaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) A Statement is annexed (*See* below).

(c) Increased financial allocation to Madhya Pradesh would depend upon the availability of funds and the nature and extent of works that the State Government propose to undertake in future in the national parks and sanctuaries.

Statement

The amount earmarked and released for the development of national parks and sanctuaries in Madhya Pradesh is as under :—

Scheme	Year	Amount Earmarked	Amount Released
		(Rs. in lakhs)	
Project Tiger	1987-88	28.00	26.30
	1988-89	28.00	—
Assistance to States for Development of Sanctuaries	1987-88	—	8.87
	1988-89	—	—
Assistance to States for Development of national Parks	1987-88	—	17.26
	1988-89	—	—

Funds are not earmarked state-wise and year-wise under the Schemes, 'Assistance to States for Depelopment of National Parks' and 'Assistance to States for Development of Sanctuaries'. The funds released in 1987-88 are still being utilized.

Bodhghat Project

2147. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI: Will the the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bodhghat Project in Bastar district in Madhya Pradesh has recenly been cleared by his Ministry from environmental angle;

(b) if so, how the ecological imbalance to be caused by the Project in the tribal and forest belt would be taken care of;

(c) the extent of forest to be destroyed for the execution of the Project; and

(d) how many tribal people will be displaced as a result thereof and how they are going to be rehabilitated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): (a) The Bodhghat Hydro-electric Project has not been cleared under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 5704 ha. of forests are likely to be destroyed.

(d) 6109 tribal people are likely to be displaced. The problem of their rehabilitation is yet to be settled.